

BAKERS DEMAND WHEAT EMBARGO

Stop Export. They Say, or
Price of Bread Will
Rise.

FEAR LOAVES WILL
SHRINK TO BISCUITS

Sigmund Adler Favors Congress
Probe to Determine the
Responsibility.

Bread will go up unless an embargo is placed on the exportation of wheat. Such is the conviction of the majority of bakers in New York, and many of them, to support it, point to yesterday's drop in Chicago prices. This drop, they say, is the result of the mere threat of an embargo. Actual embargo would not only keep prices at their present level, it would materially reduce them.

Sigmund Adler, of Adler & Eckstein, 801 East 70th st., one of the largest bakers of the city, declared yesterday that at the present rate of exportation, 20,000,000 to 30,000,000 bushels of wheat there would in six weeks be no flour left.

"We shall then have to eat corn," he said, "and we shall be doing this while Europe is eating out wheat. This exportation of wheat is an outrage and should be stopped, and there's only one way to stop it—a Congressional investigation, which will show conclusively whether exportation is the cause of the present situation."

"In case it is exportation, an embargo would settle the matter. In case it is a corner, the men responsible for it could be prosecuted under the Sherman law and the corner broken. In either case an investigation would make short work of the trouble."

"How could such a corner be discovered?"

"By going through the storerooms and finding out how much wheat was held in reserve. As it is, small bakers are going out of business right and left. Only yesterday a baker from Bronxville asked if he could buy his bread from me, selling it at the same price for which I sold it to him. He said that he couldn't sell his bread at the present price in New York. He had to take it himself. Hundreds of others are in the same boat."

"The rise has been about 100 per cent in two months. We used to pay \$2.50 a barrel for flour. We now pay \$4.95. Loaves are so small they can't be made smaller—that is, if you want to sell them as loaves and not as biscuits. We can make only 250 loaves from a barrel now that we raised from a barrel of \$2.50 to \$4.95. We used to make 500 loaves, when flour sold for \$2.50 a barrel."

Other bakers, both small and large, bore out Mr. Adler's statement with him that the present strain fell heaviest on the smaller bakers, who had a lighter reserve and to whom even the slightest rise in wheat meant a serious difference. One such baker, Mrs. Emily Korf, who, with her husband, runs a small bakery at Avenue A and 70th st., took issue with the dealers who have called the bakers' complaint exaggerated.

"They say that a barrel of flour, costing \$7, will make 275 loaves of bread," she said, "and that the retailer sold these at 3 cents a loaf, or for \$2.75. They are right; but they forget that it costs \$3 to \$3.50 on every barrel of flour to produce the bread, and that this cost is in addition to the cost of the flour. Thus, our net profit on a barrel is at present prices \$1.75 or less—that is, not enough to live on."

Mrs. Korf added that the difficulties of the smaller bakers were enhanced by the employment of union labor. No union man was allowed to bake more than 900 loaves in nine hours, she said, and this was his working day. When asked why she did not employ "scabs," she said that she was a strong Socialist and that she had her life would not be safe.

"GIANT" SAVES 4 AT FIRE

Verbout Rescues Family—
Heroine Aids Mother.

John Verbout, a baseball player, now on the roster of the New York Giants, distinguished himself at a fire in Jersey city yesterday by carrying his sister-in-law, Mrs. Peter Verbout, and her three children down the fire escape.

The fire was at 341 9th st. and started in the apartment of Mrs. Eugene Rodemacher, on the third floor. The Verbouts occupied rooms on the fourth floor.

With such rapidity did the flames spread that they quickly reached the hall, cutting off escape. Verbout was forced to resort to the fire escape despite the fire that enveloped it.

Mrs. Rodemacher carried her aged mother, Mrs. Adrian, down the fire escape, and Joseph Treacy, the janitor, rescued Miss Julia Adrian, sixteen years old, who was overcome by heat and smoke while endeavoring to subdue the flames. Joseph Sheehan, a fireman, was injured.

SHOPGIRL DEBATE CREATES WRANGLE

Woman Who Represents "Better Class" at Commission Meeting Is Interrupted.

Open disorder pervaded the proceedings of the State Factory Investigating Commission yesterday when Mrs. Maud Flowerston took the stand as the representative of "the better class of store girls and the highest class of saleswomen." Before she finished Mrs. Frederick Nathan and several other women were on their feet with interruptions. The confusion became so great that Chairman Wagner had difficulty in preventing the hearing from breaking up then and there.

Mrs. Flowerston declared that reflections on shopgirls had a bad moral effect. She gave a list of stores where she said girls were overworked and underpaid, but said there was no reason for the cry about immorality among saleswomen. She said that many of the so-called social workers didn't know what they were talking about.

"I am opposed to the minimum wage plan," she then told the commission, "because a third of the girls now employed would be thrown out of work. It is only the stockroom girls who are paid \$3 a week, and the reason is that they are not worth more. A girl can advance if she has the ability."

R. G. Brown, of Minneapolis, attorney for opponents of a minimum wage law before the United States Supreme Court, spoke for more than an hour. Toward the last of his remarks he had a hard time of it.

Miss Elizabeth Deutscher, financial secretary of the Retail Clerks' Union of New York, introduced letters from shopgirls. One wrote:

"I am a clerk in one of those stores that give \$30,000 to charity at a time. I have been working three years and never got an increase."

FIFTH AVE. CROWD SEES GIRL'S LIFE DIVE AT FIRE



Flames Sweep Building Opposite Ritz-Carlton—Spectators Hold Rug "Net" as Trapped Victim Jumps—Women Escape—Herrick Watches Blaze.

Myron T. Herrick saw a fire yesterday—a two-alarm fire, with three ambulances at hand. He saw also a panic-stricken woman leap from the fourth story of the burning building.

The fire was at 9 East 47th st. in the building occupied by Mme. Georgienne, modiste, on the second floor, and Pauline Weil, importer of frocks and blouses, on the first. It occurred at 3:30 p. m., when the Saturday afternoon crowd thronged Fifth ave. and Mr. and Mrs. Herrick were sitting in their rooms on the fourth floor of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, directly across the street from the blaze.

While the smoke was billowing from the building Mme. Georgienne found that she had left her wallet on the second floor. She donned a broom, rubber coat and ran back through the door by which she had escaped. When she reappeared she had rescued more than \$1,000.

While the fire originated on the third floor in an apartment occupied by Mrs. Mould, on the fourth floor front lived Frederick Perry, an actor of the "On Trial" company, and in the rear Charles Silver.

Little Tony, a Boston terrier owned by Mme. Georgienne, escaped from the fire with his life, but wounded. He was thrown from a rear window.

MAYOR WANTS IDLE PUT TO WORK SOON

Asks Department Heads to
Begin Improvements
When Possible.

DOES NOT, HOWEVER,
WISH TO MAKE JOBS

Controller Prendergast Opposes
Plan—Raps Charities Head
for Seeking More Cash.

In an attempt to relieve the unemployment situation, if possible, Mayor Mitchell addressed a letter to the head of every city department yesterday. He said he did not want them to make work, but to begin as soon as possible such improvements as they had already planned and which could be done in the winter months.

Controller Prendergast is not in accord with the ideas of the Mayor and City Chamberlain relative to the extent to which the city should go in the present situation. He stated frankly yesterday he did not believe the City of New York should assume the responsibility for unemployment. In speaking of the matter he referred rather sharply to some of those who have been advocating such measures. He did not mention any names.

"The city has no such responsibility as a municipal corporation," said the Controller. "Some well intentioned people with a passion for advertising themselves are giving out information, much of it entirely misleading, and attempting to create a situation which would have no other effect than forcing the city to assume the financial burdens of the distress caused by economic conditions."

"I believe it is my duty as the city's financial officer to stand in the way of any such policy. I do not believe that I am without support of my attitude in the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. I have resented the attempts to make it appear that the city is delaying public work, and I assert that no such delay has been indulged in and that a calm investigation of the facts—that is, if calmness is possible among some people—will vindicate this statement in every respect."

The Controller pointed out yesterday that normally the city will spend between \$30,000,000 and \$35,000,000 for public improvements in the next six months. Of that amount \$12,000,000 will be for subways.

He developed yesterday that at the executive session of the Board of Estimate on Friday the Controller had sharply criticized Commissioner Kingsbury of the Department of Charities for unbusinesslike methods in his relief work.

"I did charge the Commissioner with having exceeded his appropriation," the Controller said yesterday, "and entering into obligations for which there were no appropriations. My statement was absolutely true, and proof of it consists in the applications now pending before the Board of Aldermen for special revenue bonds to pay for contracts made by the Department of Public Charities, and for which it had no appropriations."

Commissioner Kingsbury holds that he was authorized to make the purchases by an opinion from the Corporation Counsel's office.

It seems the Controller opposed a suggestion made by Commissioner Kingsbury at the executive session of the Board of Estimate that the Controller should be transferred from the Department of Public Charities to the Department of Finance, of that board to enable him to care for 2,000 more men at the farm colony on Staten Island.

When President McAneny suggested that the making of such expenditures from the city's treasury should be referred to the Committee on Social Welfare Controller Prendergast insisted that he should be added to that standing committee for that particular matter.



The reason so much space is frequently devoted to bally-hooing for attention (and so little to selling the goods) is because a lot of people haven't formed the habit of reading advertisements, and the advertisers know they must beat the tom-toms.

And the reason they haven't is because, as Samuel Hopkins Adams is pointing out in his business news articles in The Tribune, there has been too much untruthfulness in advertising. The most fascinating liar becomes a bore, while the simple teller of truths can always find an attentive audience.

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News—Editorials—Advertisements

ENDS OWN LIFE ON SLAYING GIRL

Two Bullets from Revolver That
Kills Young Woman Complete
a Double Tragedy.

Salamanca, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Andrew T. Solt, of Bradford, Penn., to-night shot Miss George Turner and then fired two bullets into his own head. He died in a few minutes. Solt leaves a wife and children.

Miss Turner refused to see Solt at her home, and went to the home of her uncle to avoid him. He learned where she was and called for her this evening.

A member of the family refused to admit Solt, but Miss Turner agreed to step out on the veranda to talk with him. After a few minutes' conversation Solt was seen to draw a revolver. Miss Turner ran toward the door, but was shot down before she could reach it. Solt then killed himself.

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Every Evening in
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Healy Food Specialties

Milk-fed Chickens from our own farm, Virginia Ham, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Scotch Finnan Haddie, Flaked Crab Meat, Live Lobsters, South Island and Van Haven Sea Oysters, Virginia Sausage Cake.

Main Floor Dining Room
Splendid Music—Dancing—
Cabaret—A la Carte Service,
Jungle Room, Log Cabin, Log Hut for Breakfast Dinners.

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Select Hotels,
The WEBSTER
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A handsomely decorated fireproof hotel with modern equipment throughout. Moderate rates for transient and permanent abode. The Transient or Permanent Abode.

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The Strand
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CAFETERIA RESTAURANT

Popular Prices. No Tips.

Lunches 12.50 to 2.00
(No additional charge for
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400 ROOMS, with use of bath, \$1 A NIGHT.

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Attractive Rates for Lunch, Breakfast, Dinner, and Supper. FAMOUS ST. DENIS DINER, 25 CENTS.

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PARADES, LUNCHEONS, BANQUETS. Service to Ladies, 4th Fl.

HUMAN CHAIN SAVES 3 IN FIRE

Policemen and Citizen Rescue
Women and Boy—Others in
Peril at Blaze.

Patrolman Joseph J. Cunningham, of the MacDougal st. station, rescued two women and an eight-year-old boy from a fire at 145 Bleecker st. yesterday afternoon by spanning from a window of the adjoining building to the fire-escape of the third floor, where they were shouting for help.

Patrolman Bartholomew Lane, of the same station, got across the window and was held by John Carter Carbutis, of 93 West 9th st., who stayed in the room, while Cunningham passed the people across.

The rescued persons—Mrs. Katherine Quersoll and her son, Leon, and Mrs. Jeremiah Dwyer, were then assisted to the street. The fire did \$5,000 damage.

Several tenants at 322 West 50th st. were rescued early yesterday in a fire believed to have been incendiary. It started in the cellar and spread with such rapidity that escape by the stairways was cut off.

Those carried to safety were Mrs. Annie Conway, Mrs. Helen Dorrigton and four children, Mrs. Annie Harris, a cripple; John Powers, his wife and six children.

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THE 44 THEATRE

VERNON CASTLE

Maltese Tea at 5 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. No admission. Wednesday and Saturday, 10c. Mrs. Carter dancing. Admission 40c. Including tax. Dinner 1.50. A la carte, 60c. to 1.00. No admission.

Restaurant in charge of "Piano" and "Lounge" from the Ritz-Carlton. Europe's orchestra.

RESORTS.

A MODERN HOTEL

With a Homelike Atmosphere.

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LANEWOOD

A. E. SPANGENBERG, Mgr.

DIES IN FIRE AT BIRTHDAY PARTY

John McCarthy, a guest at the birthday party of Ella Thompson, sixteen years old, at 180 Reid av., Brooklyn, was burned to death last night. Other members of the party were carried across the roof to the roof of the James Methodist Episcopal Church, next door.

Amid much shouting and confusion on the birthday cake were being blown out when McCarthy noticed a wisp of smoke stealing through the crack of the door. He ran to the window and shouted for help. Theodore Schoeneyer and John Burke, who were on the street, heard him and dashed up the smoky stairs. Fire had started in the cellar, and it spread with such rapidity that escape by the stairways was cut off.

The falling glass aroused the church choir, and a Boy Scout troop which was drilling there, and they hurried carry out people who were half suffocated.

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JUMPS OUT CAR WINDOW

Chicago, Jan. 9.—Robert Helt, being taken from Chicago to New York to be tried on a charge of using the mails in an attempt to extort money, escaped today at Pittsburgh by jumping through a car window while the train was moving slowly through the yards.

John Stuch, deputy United States marshal, had Helt in custody. The fugitive was charged with threatening to murder H. A. Guess, of New York, a construction engineer, employed by the Guggenheims. If he did not give him \$17,000, which Helt said the engineer owed him.

**Countess Castelvicio to Have
Suffrage "Kitchen Table"**
on East Side.

Another suffrage soup kitchen is about to be opened to rival that of Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, at 13 West 41st st. The Countess Castelvicio and a committee of clubwomen are in charge of the new venture, which is to be called "The Kitchen Table." It will be located on East 41st st., near the river. All soup supplies will be divided into two parts and served to men and women equally. It will not be possible for the greedy males to eat up all the soup before the women arrive in the line.

Tickets will be distributed at many charity centres and to beggars who stop women on the streets asking for bread money. Five thousand moving picture tickets have been given to the committee to sell for the cause. The Countess Castelvicio is bearing the greater part of the financial burden, but the month to swell the treasury.

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THREAT BREAKS WHEAT 4C

Talk of Embargo and Italy's
Attitude Cause Heavy Selling.

Chicago, Jan. 9.—The mere threat of an attempt to obtain from Congress a war embargo on breadstuffs was largely instrumental to-day in driving the price of wheat almost 4c a bushel, as compared with top figures yesterday.

C. H. Canby, president of the Chicago Board of Trade, discussed forcibly the recent sudden rise of the price of wheat.

"Those who are qualified to express an opinion of wheat values by reason of their knowledge of the world situation also know that there is but one cause or reason for the present advance in prices of wheat," he said. "It is based on the fact that Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, France, England and Italy have been in competition as buyers in the United States markets in the past few days. The result is the Dardanelles and the elimination of exports from Russia have simply concentrated the demand from all importing countries on the United States."

The situation has nothing to do with creating this situation, and in my judgment the world's position of foodstuffs is based on the operation of the laws of supply and demand."

One of the reasons given for the present selling stampede with which the wheat market came to a close to-day was the fact that Italy's ultimatum to Turkey expires to-morrow, and some trade leaders here held the opinion that the outcome might be a sudden move by Italy which would open the Dardanelles and release Russian grain shipments to the whole of Western Europe.

BOY SLEUTH ON THE SPOT

Sees a Man Blackjacked and
Causes an Arrest.

Carl Bloomquist, a messenger boy, played sleuth to his purpose last night. Watson G. Young, of 225 West 142d st., was struck on the head with a blackjack as he was climbing the elevated stairs at 72d st. and Columbus av. Carl was also on his way to catch a train, and saw it.

"Geel!" said Carl, as even the most hardened detective will in moments of tense excitement.

Carl ran back and hid behind a pillar of the elevated road. Young's assailant had seen him and ran. Dodging from doorway to doorway, Carl followed his man west on 72d st. until he met Patrolman Bohm.

"Arrest that man!" demanded Carl grandly, adding: "I got the goods on him."

At the West 68th st. station the prisoner said he was Patrick Cummings, of 46 Prospect Place. He was charged with assault.

**RIVAL FOR BELMONT
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INCORPORATED AT ALBANY

[By Telegram to The Tribune.]

Albany, Jan. 9.—Incorporations filed with Secretary of State:

Mary & Sayre, General; general nursery; \$30,000; T. J. Mary, Geneva; R. M. Sayre, Flatbush; M. S. Sayre, Albany.

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CHASE NATIONAL IN NEW QUARTERS

\$300,000,000 in Securities Is
Moved in Closely Guarded
Express Trucks.

The Chase National Bank, which has occupied the banking quarters in the New York Clearing House Building, in Cedar st., since 1895, yesterday moved into its new offices on the ground floor and basement of the new Adams Express Company's skyscraper on lower Broadway. The bank will begin business in its handsome and more capacious quarters to-morrow morning.

Three hundred million dollars in securities were transferred in trucks of the Adams Express Company, which were guarded in transit by a score of uniformed policemen in addition to a squad of plainclothes men. The securities consisted of cash, loans, securities owned, special deposits and loans and securities held for the account of customers.

The furniture and fixtures of the old banking offices were not moved. The furniture and fixtures of the new offices were moved to work will find everything new, from desks and chairs to lead pencils and pens. President Albert H. Wiggin, in summing up the advantages of the new offices, said they represented the last word in banking facilities.

On the ground floor are the private offices of the chairman of the Chase board of directors, A. Barton Heubner, of Mr. Wiggin and the other officials and the banking cages. Directly underneath these are the vaults, which are protected by two steel doors weighing fifteen tons each. The directors' room is in the basement.

RECORD COTTON GINNING

Amount up to Jan. 1 Exceeds
Figures of 1913's Big Crop.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Cotton ginning during the last two weeks of December surpassed the same period of every other year except the record production year of 1911, and brought the total ginned from the crop of 1914 up to 14,447,623 bales, including 76,885 bales of 1913, a quantity greater than ever before ginned to January 1, and 130,000 bales more than in 1911. Cotton ginned during the last three years after January 1 has varied from 12,000,000 bales in 1911 to 655,000 bales in 1913.

Ginnings for the two weeks' period amounted to 470,914 bales, or 35,000 bales less than the record for the same period in 1911. The period brought the total cotton in Alabama and Oklahoma to a greater quantity than ever before produced in those states.

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60th St. & Broadway

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DANCING FROM LUNCHEON TO CLOSE

"BUSTANOB'S" DINNER \$1.00

DINER "CHOISI," \$1.50. SUPPER A LA CARTE.

BUTTON WIFE OVERLOOKED FASTENS ROBBERY ON MAN

Vacancy in Front Row of Vest Fits Clew Detective
Found in Looted Shop, and Arrest Follows—
Woman Grieves Over Neglected Task.

If Mrs. Rosario Bruno had taken the pains to see that the buttons on the vest of her husband had been duly sewed on, Rosario Bruno, a dealer in bananas, of 18 Union st., Brooklyn, would not now be in the Tombs in default of \$2,000 bail on a charge of burglary.

This laxness on the part of Mrs. Bruno was bemoaned by her and her spouse when Detective Sergeant Dalton, of the 1st Branch Detective Bureau, visited the home and asked to see the head of the house.

"Ah, ha!" cried Dalton when Bruno appeared. "Where is your top vest button?"

"I don't know where it is," replied Bruno, but before he could say more the detective was busily engaged in matching a button which he had, with the remainder of the buttons on Bruno's vest.

"A perfect match," went on Dalton. "You'd better come with me."

No amount of persuasion could induce the sleuth to release the bananas dealer, and Bruno was arraigned before Magistrate Krotel, in the Tombs court, yesterday on complaint of Alfred Purcator, a pawnbroker, of 174 West st., whose establishment was looted on December 17. Entrance was effected through a hole cut in the floor and \$2,000 in jewelry stolen.

In the debris on the floor was found the button clew. Bruno, who had worked in the basement of the building, was suspected. His wife told the magistrate that she would take better care of her husband's clothes in the future.

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